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| Application Number     | 10/601,606       |
| Filing Date            | June 23, 2003    |
| First Named Inventor   | Christopher Dube |
| Art Unit               | 3753             |
| Examiner Name          | Fox, John C.     |
| Attorney Docket Number | DR-352J          |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**

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    - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 405.00 00
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                 For:         INTEGRATED ELECTROFLUIDIC SYSTEM  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form PTO/SB/30, Preliminary Amendment and Remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 22, 2007, and a check in the amount of \$405.00 for the fee for a small entity required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time Within the Second Month, and a check for \$230.00 to file an extension of time for a small entity.

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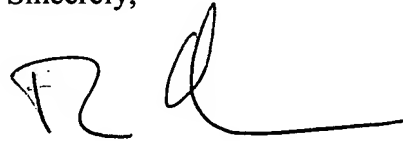
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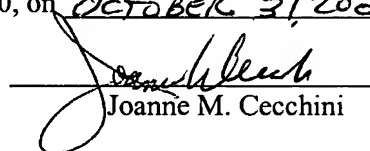


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